

FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB BULLETIN

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BOARD MEMBER MESSAGE

Diane Sericati



Dear Members:

We had a wonderful and delicious spuntino to start the holiday, before our December meeting. Chairlady, Mary Ann De Pianto, wants to thank every one of our great cooks for contributing to this enjoyable feast. Our November birthday, chaired by Linda Granko and Sandi Kent was a tremendous success. We had the largest attendance since before the start of the pandemic!! We hope that this will continue in the coming months. The food was delicious and enjoyed by all of us.

Everyone supported the Holiday Bake sale, chaired by Lillian Taddei; our members truly came through with an assortment of goodies. The Christmas boutique, all donated by Bev Chernoff, was a welcome treat and the Christmas tree auction was fantastic; we have such talented tree decorating members. Thank you to all who attended and everyone for their hard work in making this such an enjoyable evening.

We have a lot of activities happening in December, first the Men's club breakfast on December 8th with a special area with activities for kids of all ages to get in the Holiday spirit. We are looking forward to the Children's Christmas party with Santa on December 15; always a fun time for the children and grown-ups as well.

Our last event will be the Members' Christmas dinner with our annual gift exchange on Tuesday, December 17th. Plan on attending and sharing the Holiday spirit with your fellow club members-see details in the newsletter. A good time to pay your dues if you haven't already done so.

As the year 2024 comes to a close, we have many things to reflect upon regarding our club. We have been able to maintain our club without the guidance of a President, with the assistance of the Officers, Board of Directors and Trustees and members. We are so thankful to have Rozz Cantisani as our new President for the coming year. We have been able to have many events for our membership to enjoy. We hope to be able to continue with the help of our members in volunteering to chair and/or assist with upcoming events. We have been very successful in maintaining a good working relationship with the Men's club and should be able to continue to do so in the coming year. There is an array of other events that occurred in the past year for which we are grateful as well. We will be installing our new Officers at the January meeting, plan on attending this first meeting of the New Year and all our monthly meetings to become more involved with the club!!!

For the most part our membership has been in good health and we pray for this to continue in the year ahead.

Wishing everyone a very Happy New Year.

Diane Sericati and All the Board of Directors.



MEMBER'S MEETING

TUE, JANUARY 7, 2025

Member's Business Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month

6:00pm Social Hour & Spuntino

(Provided by the Men)

7:00pm Meeting Begins

**BE SURE TO COME TO
WELCOME THE
INSTALLATION OF YOUR
NEW 2025-2026
OFFICERS**

CLUB OPEN

BOCCE COURTS & BAR ROOM

**1:00pm - 5:00pm
Every Wednesday**



**LADIES MEMBERS ONLY
CHRISTMAS DINNER & GIFT EXCHANGE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024**

"12 Days of Christmas" Sing-a-Long!

Gift Exchange - \$25 Limit (Optional)

**Bring a wrapped gift. Be sure to put your name
on it so the recipient knows whom it is from.**

Time & Cost:
6pm Cocktails / 7pm Dinner
This is a FREE dinner for the ladies
members only (men serve)

Menu:
A Surprise!

RSVP:
RSVP by December 13, 2024 to Diane Sericati at (510) 526-6470
or email: fwscreervations@gmail.com.
Please have one person reserve for your group.

**MEMBER'S 2025 DUES
DUE JANUARY 1, 2025**

Regular Annual Membership:
\$50

Honorary Annual Membership:
\$25

A member will be delinquent if dues are NOT paid by February 1, 2025 and will be charged a \$20 penalty fee along with the annual dues. If a member fails to pay dues and the penalty fee by March 1, 2025, it will be assumed that the member is no longer interested in the Club, and shall be automatically dropped from the membership.

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS IN ITALY

Christmas in Italy traditionally begins on December 8, with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the day on which traditionally the Christmas tree is mounted and ends on January 6, of the following year with the Epiphany (Italian: Epifania, in Italian) to symbolize, along with the end of the Christmas period, the death of the old year and the beginning of a new one. The Italian term "Natale" derives from the Latin natalis, which literally means "birth", and the greetings in Italian are Buon Natale (Merry Christmas) and Felice Natale (Happy Christmas).

The tradition of the nativity scene comes from Italy. One of the earliest representations was the nativity painting found in the early Christian Roman catacomb of Saint Valentine, and seems to be attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi. Nativity scenes were popularized by Saint Francis of Assisi from 1223, quickly spreading across Europe.

It seems that the first Christmas tree in Italy was erected at the Quirinal Palace at the behest of Queen Margherita, towards the end of the 19th century. In Italy, the oldest Christmas market is considered to be that of

Bologna, held for the first time in the 18th century and linked to the feast of Saint Lucy. Typical bearers of gifts from the Christmas period in Italy are Saint Lucy (December 13), Christ Child, Babbo Natale (the name given to Santa Claus), and, on Epiphany, the Befana.

According to tradition, the Christmas Eve dinner must not contain meat. A popular Christmas Day dish in Naples and in Southern Italy is eel or capitone, which is a female eel. A traditional Christmas Day dish from Northern Italy is capon (gelded chicken). Abbacchio is more common in Central Italy. The Christmas Day dinner traditionally consists by typical Italian Christmas dishes, such as agnolini, cappelletti, pavese agnolotti, panettone, pandoro, torrone, panforte, struffoli, mustaccioli, bisciola, cavallucci, veneziana, pizzelle, zelten, or others, depending on the regional cuisine. Christmas on 25 December is celebrated with a family lunch, also consisting of different types of pasta and meat dishes, cheese and local sweets.

Source: Wikipedia "Christmas In Italy"



Special Notice:

"No shows" at our dinners are charged \$10 per ticket, to be paid by the person who made the reservation.

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



**Buone Feste e
Tanti Auguri a Tutti!
Happy Holidays and
Best Wishes to All!**

CLIB CHRISTMAS BRUNCH & KIDS CORNER SUN, DECEMBER 8, 2024

See Flyer
Reservations Due by Dec 5

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY SUN, DECEMBER 15, 2024

Reservations Closed

CLUB CHRISTMAS FAMILY DINNER SAT, DECEMBER 14, 2024

See Flyer

NEW YEAR'S @ THE CLUB TUE, DECEMBER 31, 2024

See Flyer

HOLIDAY DECOR REMOVAL @ THE CLUB SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2024 - 10AM

Christmas will leave the Fratellanza, soon. All are welcome to join to take down the ballroom, dining rom, and back room holiday decorations. If you would like to volunteer for this holiday activity, please contact:

Joan Brignone
510-799-2743 (H) jbrignone@comcast.net

S C H O L A R S H I P I N F O R M A T I O N !

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- Attend an event and/ or donate raffle prizes
- Purchase raffle tickets at events
- Donate homemade baked goods to bake sales
- Attend the Bunco luncheon
- Consider hosting and/or attending the Scholarship Tea
- Consider monetary gifts (in Honor of..., In Celebration of..., In Memory of..., or In Thanksgiving for...)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS - CLASS OF 2025

Children and grandchildren of current Fratellanza Women's Social Club members are eligible to apply for the 2025 Scholarship Program. Submit completed application to the Scholarship Committee by the required deadline of **April 15, 2025**. The Scholarship Committee is looking forward to learning about you and your educational plans after your high school graduation!

Good luck to you!

The Fratellanza Women's Social
Club Scholarship Program Committee

**Contact Joan Brignone for the
Application Packet**
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FRATELLANZA WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB APPAREL IS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

<https://fratellanza.orderpromos.com>

THE FRATELLANZA CLUB GOES TO THE MOVIES!

Join the Fratellanza Club every SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH for an Italian/Italian-American movie. Popcorn and discussion will be included. The bar will be open to purchase drinks. This is FREE for Members and Non-Members. No reservation needed.

Time: 7:00 pm (2nd Fri of the month/unless noted)

Dec-13: Miracolo a Milano (Miracle in Milan)



Questions?

Contact Claudia Albano (510) 773-0326
SEE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION



SUNSHINE REPORT

By Irma Sericati
Sunshine Reporter



We extend our sincere sympathy to **Dena Marchini** on the passing of both of father, Hugo Quilici, in August, and 7 weeks later her mother Alba, also passed away. Alba had been an active member of our club for many years, attending meetings, enjoying our day trips and even as a model in many of our fashion show. She and her husband were a lovely couple and I am sure are truly missed by all their family and friends. Please remember the Marchini and Quilici families in thoughts and prayers.

On a brighter side, we have nothing else to report for this month!!
Continue staying healthy.

Wishing everyone a very healthy and happy holiday season and an even better New Year.

Irma Sericati

Sunshine Reporter

*If you have news of a club member who is ill, hospitalized,
or deceased, please contact Irma Sericati at (510) 526-6470
or e-mail at dsramona@aol.com.*



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

2023-2024

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